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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of )  
Metz, et al. ) Examiner: Bui  
Serial No. 08/657,749 ) Art Unit: 1813  
Filed: May 30, 1996 )  
For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES )  
ENCODING A PLANT CYTOPLASMIC )  
PROTEIN INVOLVED IN A FATTY )  
ACYL-COA METABOLISM )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO  
CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(D)

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action issued November 1, 1997,  
Applicants provide the following preliminary amendment as part of the  
continued patent application made in this case.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 18-28.

Please enter the following claim: